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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Y. Nakashima EXAMINER: Harrington, A.
SERIAL NO.: 09/824,549 GROUP: 2873
FILED: April 2, 2001 CONFIRMATION NO. 9425
FOR: SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCTION OF SAME

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir/Madam:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 1, 2004 in the above-referenced application.

The Applicant believes that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified, statutory shortened time period. The Applicant, however, conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below, charge Deposit Account **04-1105** for any required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

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